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## BEARTOOTH COMPOSITE SQUADRON MEMBERS GIVE TOUR OF MONTANA WING COMMUNICATIONS VAN

By C/SMSgt Carl Schmidt, CAP

**BILLINGS** – On the 25th of January, members of the Beartooth Composite Squadron gave a tour of the Montana Wing Communications Van to the Billings Career Center's 911 Dispatch class. The tour was arranged by C/SMSgt Carl Schmidt, who is also a student in the class. Accompanying him and assisting with the tour was Major Frank Stevens, Beartooth squadron's communications officer, and SM Peter Schmidt, who drove the van to the Career Center.

The Career Center's 911 Dispatch program prepares students for jobs in the public service dispatch field, which has grown amazingly since the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center. Students learn how to take incoming emergency calls as well as dispatch and track responding resources such as Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Service personnel. Throughout the semester-long course, the class makes field trips to dispatch related facilities around Billings like the



Yellowstone County Emergency Operations Center, as well as taking part in job shadowing opportunities. The tour of the Civil Air Patrol's Montana Wing's communications van was one of the few mobile communications set ups to which they have been exposed.

C/SMSgt Carl Schmidt  
shows interior of  
Montana Wing's  
Communications Van to  
911 Dispatch students of  
Billings Career Center

## GOODBYE CAPMART HELLO CIVIL AIR PATROL STORE

Since the recent decision to close CAPMART and outsource the supply of Civil Air Patrol merchandise to Vanguard Industries, there has been continuous progress in that transition. To access the site, use the following link. If you do not see what you want, Vanguard has proven prompt in answering inquiries as the changeover continues.

<http://www.civilairpatrolstore.com/store/link1.php>

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## LEWIS AND CLARK COMPOSITE SQUADRON COMPLETES CADET ORIENTATION COURSE

By Major Rob Hoffman

HELENA- Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron held a Cadet Orientation course with five new cadets attending. The course was held at the 1-189th Aviation Training Facility at Helena Airport on January 28th. The Cadet Orientation Course is designed to provide an introduction to the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. The course covers CAP history, CAP missions and organizations, CAP uniforms, CAP customs and courtesies, and a CAP Cadet Program overview. Course instructors included C/2nd Lt. Ashley Smith, C/TSgt. Spencer Gilchrist, and C/TSgt. Casey Johnson. Course participants included C/Basic Kelsey Johnson, C/Basic Zach Lachenbruk, C/Basic Katherine Gregorie, C/A1C Kyle Lake, and C/Basic Thomas Lund.



Photo, 1st Lt. Shelly Hoffman

## MONTANA WING CONFERENCE PLANNERS REQUEST SQUADRON ASSISTANCE

### Need Items for CAP Displays

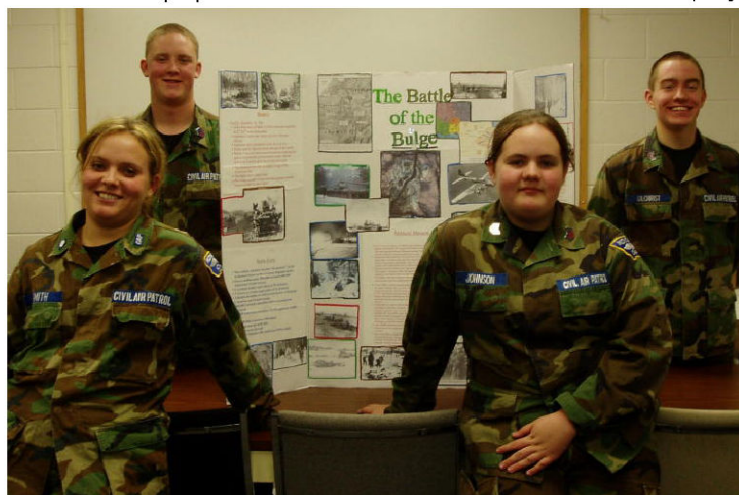
Plans are underway to make the 2006 Montana Wing Conference, Billings, April 28-30, one of the best ever. Squadrons are asked to help by providing display items. The focus of the display can be either aerospace education, cadet programs, emergency services, or some combination of the three. The only requirement is that your items be something suitable for public display. AEX Program plaques that were earned by squadrons in either 2004 or 2005 would be wonderful additions, as well. Other possible display items could include model rockets, model aircraft, emergency services equipment, pictures of CAP members in action, and uniform items. It is hoped to receive at least one display item from each Montana Wing squadron. For more information, contact display coordinator Maj. Steve Heffel at: [heffelsc67@peoplepc.com](mailto:heffelsc67@peoplepc.com)

## LEWIS AND CLARK COMPOSITE INITIATES INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

### Cadets Study History of Leadership

By Major Rob Hoffman

HELENA- Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron has started a new Squadron program called, "The History of Leadership." This program assigns to Cadet Officers and NCOs a group project dealing with a major battle the U.S. fought during World War II. The idea of the project is to use history as an example to identify valuable leadership qualities shown on the battlefield. The first project assignment for squadron Cadet Staff was the Battle of the Bulge. The Cadet Staff spent 6 weeks doing research on the battle location, commanders, and units involved in the engagement, the type of equipment present, and leadership tactics used on both sides. They then put together a presentation outlining the battle from start to finish, highlighting key elements responsible for the mission's success. By combining history with leadership, this program ensures the history of American units lives on with today's youth. The Cadet Staff participants included C/2nd Lt. Ashley Smith, C/MSgt. Matthew Roddewig, C/TSgt. Spencer Gilchrist, and C/TSgt. Casey Johnson.



Cadet Staff Participants in "Battle of the Bulge" analysis included, above, (left to right): Cadet 2nd Lt. Ashley Smith, Cadet MSgt. Matthew Roddewig, Cadet Tech Sgt. Casey Johnson, and Cadet Tech Sgt. Spencer Gilchrist. Photo, Rob Hoffman.



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## AUBURN UNIVERSITY INVITES CADETS TO ATTEND GROUND SCHOOL

Auburn University is offering a ground school this summer and invites Civil Air Patrol Cadets to participate. The course sessions are scheduled for June 4-17, June 18-July 1, and July 9-22; all classes are held at Auburn University, Auburn, AL. A fee of \$385 includes food, housing, and educational materials. Optional flight hours may be available. The course is intended to prepare students to pass the FAA written exam. Registration forms, information, and training schedules may be found online at:

[www.flighted.auburn.edu/](http://www.flighted.auburn.edu/)

Cadets who wish to participate should contact Auburn directly.

## LEWIS AND CLARK COMPOSITE SQUADRON PROMOTES CADETS

Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron Commander 1st Lt. Shelly Hoffman reports that First Sergeant Spencer Gilchrist and Flight Sergeant Casey Johnson have qualified for promotion to Cadet Technical Sergeant.

## SIXTH ANNUAL YURI'S NIGHT CELEBRATION

by Maj. Steve Heffel

PAO, Beartooth Composite Squadron

Wednesday, April 12th of 2006, is the sixth annual Yuri's Night Celebration. That's "Yuri," as in the late Soviet Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin. The Yuri's Night Celebration is a party with an educational focus intended to raise public awareness of space exploration. April 12th is the anniversary date of Yuri Gagarin's first space flight and also the anniversary date of STS-1, the first operational flight of NASA's Space Shuttle, two milestones of aerospace history.

To officially register your local Yuri's Night Celebration and to find a party sponsor for your celebration:

log onto <http://www.YurisNight.net>

## MONTANA WING CALENDAR

New and Updated Items in RED

Find more information about listed events at [www.mtwg.cap.gov](http://www.mtwg.cap.gov)

### February 25-26, 2006

Wing Cadet Competition, Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, MT

### March 1-April 30, 2006

G1000 Training, Various Locations

### March 2-4, 2006

Montana Aviation Conference, Helena, MT

*Printable Registration Form at [www.mtwg.cap.gov](http://www.mtwg.cap.gov)*

### March 10-12, 2006

SAR/DR/HLS/CD Training, Location: Missoula

### March 18-19, 2006

Airman Leadership School, Location TBA

### April 28-30, 2006

Montana Wing Conference, Billings, MT

Quarterly Wing Staff Meeting, During Conference, Billings, MT

*Printable Registration Form at [www.mtwg.cap.gov](http://www.mtwg.cap.gov)*

### May 1-June 30, 2006

G1000 Training, Various Locations

### May 5-7, 2006

SAR/DR/HLS/CD Training or Table Top, Laurel, MT

Preparation for Guided Sarex

### May 13-14, 2006

Wing Leadership School, TBA

### June 9-11, 2006

Montana Guided SAR, Location: Red Lodge

### June 18-24, 2006

Montana Wing Cadet Encampment, Fort Harrison or Malmstrom AFB

### July 1-Aug 31, 2006

G1000 Training, Various Locations

### July 3-10, 2006

National Cadet Week

### July 15, 2006

Quarterly Wing Staff Meeting, Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, MT

### July 29-30, 2006

SAR/DR/HLS/CD and Wing Picnic, Valier, MT

### August 19-20, 2006

Mountain Fury, Location TBA

### September 23-24, 2006

SAR/DR/HLS/CD, Laurel, MT